WHEREAS, October 27, 1886 marked the entry into the world at Glueckstal, South Russia of Christian Schumacher, son of Wilhelm and Rosina Schumacher, and in 1889 he, and his parents and nine brothers and sisters traveled by boat to New York City, and from there came to Eureka, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Christ grew to manhood in the Eureka area where he received very little formal education, but educated himself in the use of farm machinery and methods of improved farming; and

WHEREAS, At the age of twenty-three years Christ and Christine Klooz were united in matrimony, setting up housekeeping approximately a quarter of a mile from the parental home; and,

WHEREAS, Since that time Christ and Christine have become the proud parents of nine children: Christ, Reinhold, Bill, Anna, Albert, Eleanora, Erma, Ervin and Arnold, who have in turn gifted them with twenty-five grandchildren and fifteen great-grand children; and,

WHEREAS, Christ has served in many capacities of leadership in church and community affairs and for many years was a member of the Board of Directors of Northwest Farmers Mutual Insurance Company and was also one of the outstanding salesmen for the Company; and,

WHEREAS, Christ has left for his children a heritage of honesty and industry, one of faith and concern for people and we in South Dakota are proud and fortunate to have among us such a fine, outstanding citizer of the caliber of Christ; and,

WHEREAS, Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31, 1976, mark the celebration of the Ninetieth Anniversary of the birth of Christ Schumacher; and,

WHEREAS, This event is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota and it is fitting and proper that the Governor honor this fine man who so well personifies the phrase: "A Gentle Spirit Makes A Gentleman":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and join with his many friends and relatives in extending to him our best wishes for an abundance of good health and happiness on this day and in the years ahead.

R F. Knuip

ATTEST:

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE